

The Wake Forest Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2026. Mayor Ben Clapsaddle and the five commissioners were present.

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Meeting Summary

An overview of the Board's actions is provided below.

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Presentations

- P.A.N.D.A.S./P.A.N.S. Awareness Proclamation
- Proclamation Recognizing Constitution Week
- Proclamation Recognizing National Hispanic Heritage Month
- National Senior Center Month
- Resolution to Support Arts Are Education
- Resolution recognizing Rosemary Pimentel on their retirement from the Town of Wake Forest.
- Proclamation recognizing October 2026 as "Community Planning Month"

Public Hearings/Public Comment

- Public Hearing to receive public input on capital needs for inclusion in the five-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) update for FY 2027-2032
 - Margaret Watkins and Melissa Alonso spoke
- Public Hearing on a contiguous annexation submitted by the property owner, Town of Wake Forest, located at 0 Devon Square Boulevard being Wake County PIN 1841281942 being approximately 8.25 acres.
 - No one spoke
- Public Hearing on the Wake Forest Comprehensive Transportation Plan 2026 Amendments
 - No one spoke
- Public Comment - the following people spoke (topic(s) provided on sign-up form shown in parentheses):
 - Tripp Black (Constitution Week)
 - Abby Black (Constitution Week)
 - Bailey DeBarmore (free market occurring Saturday, Oct. 3)
 - Johanna Trotter (opposed to cutting down Friday Night on White to 3 events only)

- Joni Falvey (Event Recommendations for 2027 and Beyond)
- Bryan Falvey (Event Recommendations for 2027 and Beyond)
- Will Haddock (The decision to shorten the amount of Friday Night on White events in 2027)

Consent Agenda

- Approval of a resolution to schedule the public hearing and certify the sufficiency for a petition requesting contiguous annexation submitted by property owners, South Forest LLC, located at 4925 Unicon Drive being Wake County PIN 1739-51-7399 being approximately 16.38 acres.
- Approval of a Resolution to Accept Streets into the Town of Wake Forest Street System for Maintenance.
- Approval of a Resolution for CEI Services for the Wake Forest Reservoir Construction
- Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Town Manager to Implement Go Wake Forest Sunday Service and Establish a Performance Benchmark
- Approval of a Resolution authorizing a Municipal Agreement with North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) for Smith Creek Greenway Phases 2 and 3 (TIP# BL-0188) construction funding through the Locally Administered Projects Program (LAPP).

Contiguous Annexation – 0 Devon Square Boulevard

The Board unanimously approved a contiguous annexation submitted by the property owner, Town of Wake Forest, located at 0 Devon Square Boulevard being Wake County PIN 1841-28-1942 being approximately 8.25 acres.

Wake Forest Comprehensive Transportation Plan 2026 Amendments

The Board unanimously approved a series of amendments to the Comprehensive Transportation Plan. The amendments account for several existing conditions updates, recommendations from recent studies and plans, and respond to changing realities on the ground that have impacted the feasibility or timing of some infrastructure projects.

South Franklin Street through Holding Village

The Board heard an update on South Franklin Street through Holding Village and unanimously approved reducing from 35 to 25 mph the speed limit along the portion of South Franklin Street from Artisan Park Drive to Heritage Greens Drive.

Age-Friendly Community Strategic Action Plan

The Board unanimously approved a resolution approving the adoption of the Age-Friendly Community Strategic Action Plan as presented at the Board of Commissioners work session on August 4, 2026.

Event Recommendations for 2027 and Beyond

The Board unanimously approved the following changes to the 2027 events calendar:

1. Reduce the number of Friday Night on White (FNOW) events from six to four to be scheduled on the second Friday nights of April, May, September, and October.
2. Change from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. the time gates will open to mark the start of the July 3 Fireworks Spectacular.
3. Combine the Wake Forest Cares Holiday Kickoff and the Lighting of Wake Forest into a single signature holiday event. Presented by Wake Forest Downtown, Inc. (WFD), the event will be scheduled on the third Saturday in November.

Renaissance Centre Art Exhibit

The Board directed staff to draft a Memorandum of Understanding governing art exhibits at the Renaissance Centre, to be brought back to the Board for future review. The Board also voted 4-1 to approve and support staff's current handling of the Renaissance Centre and Wake Forest Pride's October art exhibit, with Commissioner Cross casting the dissenting vote.

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